

# House Study Bill 45

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES BILL)

Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to civil damages payable for unlawful taking of  
2 certain animals and fish.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 1396DP 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 481A.130, subsection 1, paragraphs d  
1 2 and e, Code 2007, are amended to read as follows:  
1 3 d. For each ~~fish~~, reptile, mussel, or amphibian, fifteen  
1 4 dollars.  
1 5 e. For each beaver, ~~bobcat~~, mink, otter, red fox, gray  
1 6 fox, or raccoon, two hundred dollars.  
1 7 Sec. 2. Section 481A.130, subsection 1, Code 2007, is  
1 8 amended by adding the following new paragraph:  
1 9 NEW PARAGRAPH. i. For each fish, reimbursement shall be  
1 10 as follows:  
1 11 (1) For each fish of a species with an established daily  
1 12 limit greater than twenty=five, fifteen dollars.  
1 13 (2) For each fish of a species other than paddlefish,  
1 14 muskellunge, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye,  
1 15 northern pike, channel catfish, flathead catfish, rainbow  
1 16 trout, brown trout, or brook trout, with an established daily  
1 17 limit of twenty=five or less, fifty dollars.  
1 18 (3) For each paddlefish, five hundred dollars.  
1 19 (4) For each muskellunge, five hundred dollars plus one  
1 20 hundred dollars for each inch over fifty inches.  
1 21 (5) For each largemouth bass, fifty dollars plus fifty  
1 22 dollars for each inch over twenty=two inches.  
1 23 (6) For each smallmouth bass, fifty dollars plus fifty  
1 24 dollars for each inch over twenty inches.  
1 25 (7) For each walleye, fifty dollars plus fifty dollars for  
1 26 each inch over twenty=eight inches.  
1 27 (8) For each northern pike, fifty dollars plus fifty  
1 28 dollars for each inch over thirty=four inches.  
1 29 (9) For each channel catfish, fifty dollars plus fifty  
1 30 dollars for each inch over thirty inches.  
1 31 (10) For each flathead catfish, fifty dollars plus fifty  
1 32 dollars for each inch over twenty=eight inches.  
1 33 (11) For each rainbow trout, fifty dollars plus fifty  
1 34 dollars for each inch over eighteen inches.  
1 35 (12) For each brown trout, fifty dollars plus fifty  
2 1 dollars for each inch over eighteen inches.  
2 2 (13) For each brook trout, fifty dollars plus fifty  
2 3 dollars for each inch over fifteen inches.

### EXPLANATION

2 5 This bill relates to the civil damages payable for the  
2 6 unlawful taking of certain animals and fish.  
2 7 The bill raises the fine for illegally taking a bobcat from  
2 8 \$50 to \$200.  
2 9 The bill changes the method for calculating damages for  
2 10 illegally taking fish. Presently the damages for taking any  
2 11 fish are \$15 per fish.  
2 12 The bill provides that the damages for taking a fish of a  
2 13 species with an established daily limit of greater than 25  
2 14 remains \$15 per fish and provides that the damages for taking  
2 15 a fish of a species with an established daily limit of 25 or  
2 16 less is \$50, with some exceptions.  
2 17 The exceptions include a paddlefish which is \$500, a  
2 18 muskellunge which is \$500 plus \$100 for each inch over 50

2 19 inches, and a largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye,  
2 20 northern pike, channel catfish, flathead catfish, rainbow  
2 21 trout, brown trout, and brook trout, which is \$50 plus \$50 per  
2 22 inch over a specified size, depending on the species of the  
2 23 fish.  
2 24 LSB 1396DP 82  
2 25 av:nh/je/5